

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3905**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Hospital Charges to Uninsured Patients		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3905 amends Article 1, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-7-55 which prohibits any licensed hospital from charging uninsured patients fees for services that are in excess of the maximum fees charged to insured patients for the same services.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

This Bill impacts on the fees charged to patients. If this Bill is enacted, there would be no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other funds.

Department of Health & Human Services

There would be no impact on the Medicaid program. Under the Medicaid program hospitals are reimbursed for services at an established rate regardless of an individual patient's charges.

Medical University of South Carolina

This Bill would have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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